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Flu and Pneumonia Vaccines At Town Hall

Friday, October 12, 2012 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

MedStar Visiting Nurse Association nurses will again be at the Town Hall to provide the seasonal flu vaccine to residents age 4 and older; the pneumonia vaccine, recommended for those over 64, will also be available. Please call **Nicole Ventura** at **301-657-3211** to make an appointment for a specific quarter-hour time slot. Cost of flu vaccination is \$30; pneumonia \$90. Both are covered by **Medicare Part B** if it is not part of an HMO (*e.g. Kaiser, Aetna, Cigna, Bravo, etc.*); you must bring your card to your appointment. Other payments are to be by check, payable to **VNA Flu Program**, at the time of your appointment. **NOTE:** Pregnant women must have written authorization from their physician. Remember to wear a short sleeved top the day of the clinic to help the nurses!

If you would like to volunteer to assist during the clinic, please contact **Barbara Marblestone** at dbmarblestone@att.net or 301-652-2485.

The firm told us that the peer review jury cited only **17 projects** across the state, and of these only two were Honor awards, one being the Pool House. An Honor award is defined as “reserved for those projects with distinctive character and outstanding merit. This highest honor recognizes projects which are deemed to exemplify excellence of architectural design on all levels of analysis, and exemplify the highest standards to which AIA members aspire.”

The jury was very complimentary of the project, calling it a breath of fresh

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Photo by McInturff Architects.

Somerset Pool House Wins Architecture Award

By Marnie Shaul, Council
Member

Over the past year, we’ve heard many comments from residents about the beauty of our new pool house. That beauty has recently been confirmed by experts in architecture. In September, **McInturff Architects** reported that the Somerset Pool House was awarded an **Excellence in Design Honor Award** from the **Maryland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA)**.

Calendar

Monday, October 1

Somerset Town Council Meeting

Saturday, October 6

B-CC Rescue Squad Open House

Friday, October 12

Flu and Pneumonia Vaccine Clinic

Sunday, October 14

Somerset Back-to-School Race

Monday, October 22

MVA Mobile Office

Wednesday, October 31

Brown Bag Lunch

Don’t forget to check the Town website throughout the month for an up-to-date calendar. Go to www.townofsomerset.com and click on **Town Calendar**.

The Preliminary Agenda for each month’s Town Council meeting is posted on the Town website (www.townofsomerset.com) seven days prior to the meeting. A copy is also posted on the bulletin board on the Town Hall porch.



On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Tribute to Journal Editor

Each month, I take time to read all the newsletters and newspapers from the municipalities in the surrounding area. In that way, I keep up with trends and best practices in local government. Not surprisingly, I have come to realize that our own Town Journal is far and away the best. Actually, other elected officials have talked to me about our monthly publication with a bit of envy in their voices. Furthermore, we often get laudatory comments about our newsletter from our own residents.

Because, as Mayor, I am the publisher of the Journal, and most of the articles are written by council members, staff, and residents, I know that the Journal is only as good as its editor. And for the past four years, the person who has done such an *outstanding job* in this role has been Cumberland Avenue's **Maxine Finkelstein**.

Going about her arduous task with professionalism, patience, and a good sense of humor, Maxine has spent hundreds of hours during my terms as the Town's leader to ensure that the Journal is readable, looks good, is fact-checked, and has no grammatical mistakes. In addition, she has helped shape some excellent policies that will ensure that the Journal maintains high standards for years to come.

Now that Maxine has decided to move on to her myriad other interests, I want to take this opportunity to salute her and thank her for her service. Our Town government could not do its job as well as it does without volunteers like her. I don't think we do our best in the way of volunteer appreciation and this is something I plan to change in the next year.

In the meantime, I want to welcome our new editor **Barbara Marenus** (Surrey Street) and let everyone know that Maxine has taken time to prepare her for this role. I know that Somerset's most important means of communication remains in good hands.

Thank You Maxine!



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Call For Somerset Elementary Back-to-School Classic Participation

By Alexis Carmer, Essex Avenue

The 25th Annual Somerset Elementary Back-to-School Classic is just around the corner on **Sunday,**



Back-to-School Classic.

October 14 at 9:00 a.m. and includes **8K and 2K races.** The proceeds of this wonderful community event enable

Somerset Elementary

School to provide scholarships for its **after-school programs, build its library collections and classroom resources,** and offer a rich **cultural arts program.**

It takes many volunteers to make the event a success. Critical to its success is the **race marshal team**—the folks who cheer the runners on, hand out cups of water, and offer helpful directions. The more marshals, the smoother and more fun the event is. Volunteers who live along the racecourse can simply stand in front of their homes and perform their roles (*though we need to organize everyone in advance to ensure we have folks posted appropriately*). We will assign stations to volunteers who don't live on the course. Most folks will need to be in place by **8:30 a.m.**; some may need to be in place a little earlier to redirect errant vehicle traffic.

For information and registration see www.safetyandhealthfoundation.org/somerset or www.facebook.com/Somersettrace. Early bird registration rates are available until **September 30.** Race day volunteers are still needed; please contact **Alexis Carmer** at lexcarmer@me.com as soon as possible.



Keeping Your Homes And Neighborhood Safe

By Sheri Rule, Somerset Security Officer

As the Town of Somerset's newest Security Officer, please allow me to introduce myself. I am a Police Officer with **Montgomery County Police Department.** I am excited about meeting all of you over the upcoming weeks and months.

I understand that recent incidents have caused some to be concerned about the safety of the neighborhood and the security of your homes. With that in mind, I think it would be a good idea to remind you of several small things that you can do that can make a big difference. Please review the following list of safety recommendations:

- Keep trees and bushes trimmed especially around windows and doors where someone might be able to enter your home without easily being seen.
- Make sure your house numbers are easily visible, especially at night, and have your house well lit.
 - Having your lights left on during the day is a tip-off that you are away; consider the use of light timers.
 - If you decide to add outdoor lights, install them high enough so that the light bulb or motion sensor cannot easily be tampered with.
- Lock up ladders and tools that could be used to gain access to your home.
- Do not tell casual acquaintances your plans to be away from home.
 - NEVER post out-of-town plans on Facebook or Twitter (make sure your children don't either).
 - Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail and newspapers while you are away or stop delivery if you plan to be away for an extended period of time.
 - Park your vehicle in front of your home while you are away, or ask a neighbor to park their vehicle in front of your home or in your driveway.
- Do not hide your valuables in your master bedroom – that is one of the first places burglars will check.
 - Invest in a very heavy safe or install a safe into a fixed surface (preferably not in the master bedroom).

REMEMBER – IF YOU RETURN HOME AND BELIEVE THAT YOUR HOME HAS BEEN COMPROMISED, DO NOT ENTER IT. CALL 911 to have a police officer check it for you.

Call **301-279-8000** (County non-emergency number) immediately if you see any suspicious activity.

We will be out patrolling for suspicious activity but you are the first line of defense. We all have the same goal – keeping your home and neighborhood safe. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at Sheri.Rule@montgomerycountymd.gov or contact Security Officer **Tony Galladora.**



A Big Accomplishment: Town Uses Federal Funds To Improve Town Hall Energy Efficiency

By Marnie Shaul, Council Member



Second Floor Bathroom Ceiling Holes.



Town officials were excited by the opportunity for energy conservation funds that could be used to improve conditions at the Town Hall. The Town Hall was built in 1902 and was leaking air and energy primarily from holes in the second floor ceiling and open wall cavities into the attic. Insulation had deteriorated over the years, too.



Leaky Detached HVAC Ducts in the Ceiling.

In the fall of 2010, the **Maryland Energy Administration** (MEA) had an energy auditor outline the activities that the Town could undertake to obtain the greatest payoff in energy savings per dollar invested. This audit built on an audit done in 2003 by **Walt Auburn** (Falstone Avenue); Walt is currently **Director of Energy Efficiency** for MEA.

Somerset officials were grateful to receive funds for energy conservation, but were surprised to learn that even a **\$7,000 grant** triggered federal procurement requirements. These requirements involve outreach and awards, where possible, to small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and Buy America, among others.

I am happy to report that our Town Manager, **Rich Charnovich**, working in close cooperation with **Walt Auburn** and his staff, was able to get bids for the work and have the work accomplished before the deadline. As the deadline grew close, Rich had to reach out several times to find a firm willing to undertake such a small project. The work that was done includes:

- Installing a vapor barrier, sealing the seams, and installing insulation in the front and rear crawl spaces below the building;
- Adding insulation to the attic ceiling to bring it to the recommended level;
- Making repairs to the second floor bathroom, framing a closet, and sealing both to prevent air leakage to the attic;
- Sealing all accessible duct joints; and
- Caulking around all window and exterior door frames.

When the installer finished the work, he reported that there was a reduction in air loss of nearly 25%. This improvement should save energy, save the Town money, and make the building more comfortable for our staff and others who use the Town Hall. Town staff said that they can already see lower energy use in the two months since the work was completed. Our Town Manager will report on energy savings when we have a year's worth of data. ***Congratulations to Rich for completing this challenging project.***

More than two years ago, the Town of Somerset was notified that it was eligible to receive **\$7,000** from the State of **Maryland's EmPOWER Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program**, which in turn was funded by the federal **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**.

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Photo by McInturff Architects.

air among the projects that were reviewed. Jury comments included: "New materials, carefully composed on the existing footprint, render the small pool house an elegant jewel in the center of the community park." Congratulations to the McInturff firm for the excellent design. During the Town's selection process, I think that council members found **Mark McInturff's** vision of a "**house in the woods**" compelling and in keeping with the scale of what Town residents would want. Turning that concept into our wonderful pool house is the result of many private partners on the project as well as the dedication of Town residents, their elected officials, and several Town Managers over many years. ***Congratulations and thanks to all.***



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**Excellence in Design
Honor Award**

McInturff Architects

Somerset Pool House

Notes From The Manager's Desk

By Rich Charnovich, Town Manager



Town Hall Top 10 List

Each month, I will identify key issues and activities planned or underway in the Town of Somerset. As always, if anyone has any questions regarding Town operations, please feel free to contact me by email at manager@townofsomerset.com or at 301-657-3211.

Falstone Avenue Project

At the end of this month, or in early October, the Town will undertake a joint drainage project with **Montgomery County**. On **Falstone Avenue** and a small portion of **Surrey Street**, the Town will be improving the curbs to bring them up to standard, and the County will be completing related storm drain improvements. The Town and County will each spend about **\$150,000** for these improvements. Montgomery County will provide notices about the start of work 7-10 days before the project begins.

Bulk Trash Pickup



Fall Bulk Trash Pickup

The Town will hold its fall bulk trash pickup on **Monday, October 15**. Please place your trash at the curb by **7:00 a.m.** on October 15th. Appliances must have Freon removed. No hazardous waste, liquid latex paint, construction debris, or yard waste. If you have any questions, please contact the Town or Unity directly at **301-490-8604** (ask for **Darlene**).

The Town will be partnering with **"A Wider Circle"** and a few other organizations again on the weekend prior to the Monday pickup. Please follow the e-blast for further details.

Leaf Program

The Town will begin vacuuming leaves the week of **October 29, 2012** and will continue until **mid-December**. We are going to attempt something new this year; we will provide a schedule of pickups, weather permitting. All leaves should be raked to the curb. Do not rake your leaves into the street. Please make sure that there are no cans, sticks, bottles or rocks in your leaf pile. It is also important that you do not block leaf piles with your car during the hours of **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, Monday thru Friday because our crew cannot do its work if there is a car blocking the pile.

Street Sweeping



Fall Street Sweeping

This fall or winter, we plan to do **sweep the streets** on the town. We will do our best to let all residents know the schedule well ahead of time because street parking will be limited on the days that the sweeping occurs. This is the only way that to ensure that the work is done properly. Thank you for your cooperation.

Registering to Vote Online

You can now register to vote online for **Maryland Elections** at the **Maryland State Board of Elections** website. The online deadline to register for the **November 6** election is **October 16**. The online deadline to vote in the November 6th election is October 16th by **9:00 p.m.** If mailed in, the postmark date must be October 16th. To participate in online voting in Maryland, you must have a **state driver's license** or an identification card issued by the **Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration**.

Private and Town Tree Removal Process

This is just a reminder that the Town of Somerset **must approve** the removal of any trees in the Town, whether they are **public** or **privately** owned. Please contact the Town Hall to obtain a permit before removing any trees from your property. Violators of this Ordinance are subject to fines in accordance with the Town Code.

HVAC Unit Permits Required



HVAC Unit Permit Required

I don't think many residents realize that a Town permit is **required** if you are going to install or replace any type of **HVAC unit** for your home. **Noise level** requirements must be met for these units as well for the protection of your neighbors. Please contact the Town Hall or visit the Town website for specific requirements for the

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Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on September 4, 2012. The Council took the following actions:

1. Approval of the August 6, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of demolition, building, curb cut, and fence permit at 4812 Falstone Avenue.
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4. Approval of the removal of the following Town trees: 5608 Warwick Place, Pin Oak Tree 778. 4902 Essex Avenue, Pin Oak, Tree 336. 4704 Falstone Avenue, Bradford Pear, Tree 364. 4911 Falstone Avenue, Ash, Tree 417. 5514 Greystone Street, Red Maple, Tree 492. 5506 Greystone Street, Red Maple, Tree 482. Capello Park, Boxelder, Tree 910. Capello Park, Boxelder, Tree 909.
5. Approval of the following Town trees to be planted in the fall of 2012: 4510 Cumberland Avenue, Red Maple. 4603 Dorset Avenue, Yellowwood. 4721 Dorset Avenue, Yellowwood. 4911 Falstone Avenue, Red Maple. 5514 Greystone Street, Red Maple.
6. Approval to send a letter to the Public Service Commission for its upcoming hearing on the Bill Stabilization Adjustment surcharge subsequent to the Derecho outage.
7. A Storm Water Management Ordinance was introduced as recommended by the Town Environmental Committee.
8. Approval of an Ordinance establishing a Tennis Committee.
9. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Village of Drummond concerning Warwick Lane.
10. Approval of a contract extension with "Wet Yet? Water Fitness" for Water Aerobics classes at the pool until September 28, 2012.
11. Approval to send a letter of support for the Chevy Chase Club's Special Exception Minor Amendment application before the Board of Appeals.

Before the meeting started, the Town Council thanked Vice President Shaul for running the meeting this evening in Mayor Slavin's absence.

Captain David Falcinelli, Bethesda 2nd District, and Corporal Tony Galladora attended the meeting to provide a brief report to Town residents on recent crime in the area. They also fielded questions from residents.

The Town Inspector and Town Manager provided updates on two building permit projects for properties located at 5529 Uppingham Street and 5510 Trent Street. It was decided to table discussion of the three bids for the pool heaters to be replaced until the spring of 2013 given the timing of it. The current heaters are about ten years old.

Town Manager Charnovich provided his monthly financial report to the Council. Mayor Slavin's report was available in the room.



Brown Bag Lunch On Halloween

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

In order to allow everyone to make proper preparations for Halloween, we have scheduled the last quarterly Brown Bag lunch of the year for **Wednesday, October 31**, from **12 noon to 1:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall. As always, members of the Council and I will welcome anyone from Town who wants to talk about issues or share a story or two. At this lunch, we will also feature a brief presentation from a staff person from nearby **IONA Senior Services**, an organization that provides resources to help our older citizens remain in their homes as long as possible. Don't miss this opportunity.

Remember to bring a sandwich or dish to share—and a friend. Beverages, plates and utensils are provided. Email me at mayor@townofsomerset.com if you have any questions.



Stormwater Problems.

Stormwater Ordinance Update

By George Wyeth, Chair, Environmental Committee

The Town Council held a public meeting on **September 10** to discuss the proposed stormwater management ordinance introduced earlier at the September council meeting. The discussion was lively and extended, exploring a variety of issues. Council members focused on whether the ordinance would differ significantly from **Montgomery County** requirements, and agreed to contact the County for clarification on that point, to avoid unnecessary duplication. The ordinance will be discussed further at the October Council meeting.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Thanks to Council Vice President **Marnie Shaul** (Uppingham Street) for so ably chairing the September Town Meeting while I was in **Charlotte** as an elected delegate to the **Democratic National Convention**. I was sad to miss my first meeting in ten years, but I felt better knowing that Marnie was at the helm.

Similar to recent Augusts, there was a noted *increase* in the number of burglaries and burglary attempts in Somerset last month, which of course caused great alarm to the Council and me. Accordingly, after meeting with the Town Manager and our police officers, we increased police coverage over the **Labor Day** holiday. Fortunately, there were no reported incidents then. I hope that we can revive some type of neighborhood watch program in Town soon and that we can enlist our younger people and dog walkers in this effort. The Council will also consider other measures in conjunction with our citizen activists on this topic.

The two Town winners of the Maryland Municipal League's *"If I Were Mayor, I Would ..."* essay contest, **Mikey Panner** (Essex Avenue) and **Alison Mills** (Uppingham Street), will soon be treated to police ride-alongs, and I want to thank our officers for making these arrangements. In addition, I hope Somerset residents will attend next month's Town Meeting and hear these wonderful students read their essays in public.

Kudos to **Morris Panner** and **Nancy Jardini** (Essex Avenue) who chaired the **Welcoming Party** for the first time this year. Because of them, it was a smashing success. The food was better than ever and the attendance was high, in part because Morris and Nancy made personal contact with every newcomer to Town. I also appreciate the hard work of our staffer **Nicole Ventura** and Council Member **Barbara Zeughauser** (Trent Street) for helping design and purchase the **"cool"** thermal bags adorned with the colorful Town logo. These bags were given to each new household with other goodies inside. I am grateful that Morris and Nancy have already agreed to co-chair the event next year.

I want to again remind everyone that the **Town's listserv** is private (for good reason) and when anyone has a specific question or problem to report, it is best to write directly to me, the Council or the Town Manager. It's fine to **"cc"** the listserv, although I would encourage folks to be conservative with such use because a number of people have complained to me about the amount of listserv items they receive that are not of community-wide interest. Also, I would like to encourage everyone to be respectful of each other. I do not want the mistrust and lack of cooperation that we see on the national political stage to affect our community.

Permits Granted



Wall Permit:

4706 Essex Avenue, pressed stone wall installed along one side of the lower half of the driveway.

Curb Apron Permit:

4801 Falstone Avenue, improvements made to the driveway apron.

Fence Permits:

5500 Uppingham Street, 6 foot fence pressure treated board on board fence with integrated cedar trellis section to be located behind and to the side of the house. **4801 Cumberland Avenue**, 4 foot fence jerith aluminum black picket fence located at the rear of the property.

Portable Storage Unit Permit:

4719 Cumberland Avenue, location in the driveway.

Tree Removal Permits:

5525 Uppingham Street, Eastern White Pine. Tree was leaning toward the house and deemed hazardous by the Town Arborist. **4902 Falstone Avenue**, China fir. The tree was 90% dead and the Town Arborist recommended removal.

installation of HVAC units. The Town Council has recently adopted an Ordinance that now permits the emergency installation of HVAC units.

Construction Noise Amendments Passed

The Town has recently adopted amendments in relation to its construction activities noise restrictions. A full copy of the Ordinance can be obtained by contacting the Town Hall. Here is a summary of the Ordinance:

- **Weekdays** (Non-Holidays) – Construction activities shall not commence prior to **7:00 a.m.** and shall end by **7:00 p.m.**
- **Saturdays** – construction activities shall not commence prior to **9:00 a.m.** and all construction activities shall end by **7:00 p.m.**
- **Sundays** – Construction activities are prohibited unless for interior work that cannot be heard by neighbors.
- **Holidays** – Construction activities on a holiday weekday or a holiday Saturday are limited to the hours of **9:00 a.m.** to **7:00 p.m.**
- **Lawn maintenance** activities that involve the use of power equipment are permitted on non-holiday weekdays between the hours of **8:00 a.m.** and **7:00 p.m.**, except that such work is also permitted on non-holiday weekdays between the hours of **7:00 p.m.** and **8:00 p.m.** if only one piece of power equipment is used. On weekends and holidays, lawn maintenance activities that involve the use of power equipment are permitted on weekends and holidays between the hours of **9:00 a.m.** and **7:00 p.m.**

Donation Referral List

The Town Hall maintains a list of organizations that accept donations of various items. Thanks to **P. Kaye Haniffee** (Falstone Avenue) who provided us with this list that is on file at the Town Hall.

E-Journal Sign Up

We would like to urge as many residents as possible to receive their Town Journal via email. As a **Tree City USA** and a **PLANT Maryland Community**, Somerset wants to reduce its impact on the environment. If you are not currently on the Town Journal email distribution list and would like to receive an electronic copy, please contact Town Hall at manager@townofsomerset.com or at **301-657-3211**.

Invasive Plants: How English Ivy Became A Bad Guy

By Carol Jason, Member, Parks and Natural Resource Committee

English ivy is an evergreen perennial native to **Eurasia** and **Northern Africa**. It was brought to this country by immigrants and has been widely used for an ornamental plant because of it grows readily in shade and other hard-to-garden areas. It is easy to plant and spreads fast. Ivy was widely planted by builders of new homes instead of using more expensive, labor-intensive grass.

However, ivy has escaped from our landscapes and has crept into our parks, neighbors' yards, and any other place that it can reach. Take **Vinton Park**, for example. The ten or so acres by the pool are overrun and adversely affected by ivy. The ivy may look pretty but it chokes out the native plants and flowers on which birds, butterflies, and other native species feed.

Nothing grows among the ivy. It makes town trees top-heavy and more likely to be brought down in a storm. It stunts tree growth by using up soil nutrients and restricting air circulation. It crowds out tree seedlings, killing them before they can take hold and grow. Ivy also hosts bacterial leaf scorch, which is very damaging to trees. If you allow it to spread from your property into adjacent land, it can cause considerable damage.

Ivy growing on the ground can be dug up to get all the roots and given to the county to compost. This is best done in fall but any time is okay.

Ivy becomes most invasive when it climbs up trees and shrubs because climbing triggers the plant to flower

and fruit.

Birds eat the berries, thereby spreading ivy throughout the county. You can cut the ivy off



English Ivy: An Invasive Plant.

your trees by cutting the vine at the base and cutting it again at chest height. Leave the cut vine on the tree or you risk ripping off bark and damaging the tree.

Please help us protect our parks. If you have any questions about ivy, contact any member of your **Parks and Natural Resource Committee** or Committee Head **Patty Friedman** (Grantham Street) **(301-657-8921)**.

Somerset Fall Green Salvage Event

By Iris Amdur, Warwick Place

During this past spring's salvage event, Somerset families donated **4100 cubic feet** of useful material to local charities, and sent **9.35 tons** of waste to the landfill. As part of the Town's bulk trash pickup scheduled for **Monday, October 15**, we are partnering again with a few charitable organizations. Please contact **Iris Amdur** at irisamdur@greenshape.com or at **202-744-1456** with questions. For additional resources see www.montgomerycountymd.gov/usetagain. A list of the organizations follows:

A Wider Circle

(<http://www.awidercircle.org/>) will pick up household items at the curb on **Sunday, October 14th** from **12 noon to 2:00 p.m.** Please mark



all items **"A Wider Circle."** To schedule a pick-up for larger items

you cannot move outside yourself, please call **301-608-3504** or send an email to furnish@awidercircle.org, by **Wednesday, October 10**. All donors receive a tax-deductible receipt. A Wider Circle redistributes items **free of charge** to families transitioning from shelters or other homeless circumstances, or otherwise living with basic needs. Mattresses are a much-needed item, but must be free of rips or stains. Additionally, families are in need of kitchen and dining tables, living room furniture, end tables, lamps, gently used linens and towels, dish sets, baby items and children's clothing up to size 4T. Drop-side cribs are not accepted. Unopened personal care items such as toothpaste, soap, deodorant and cleaning supplies are always welcome.



Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County ReStore

(<http://restoremoco.org>) will pick up building materials and household items curbside on **Saturday, October 13**, from **10:00 a.m.** to

2:00 p.m. and on **Sunday, October 14**, from **11:00 a.m.** to **3:00 p.m.** Email or call **Jonathan Warshaw** at restore@habitat-mc.org or call **301-990-0014** at **ext. 31** to schedule a pickup during this event or at other times. Items should be clearly marked **"Habitat for Humanity."** Donations also are accepted Monday through Saturday, **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at **9100 Gaither Road**, in **Gaithersburg**. All donors receive a tax-deductible receipt. Habitat for Humanity ReStore is a non-profit retail outlet specializing in the resale of building materials, tools, scrap metal, lighting, and kitchen cabinets, new and gently used home furnishings, antiques, and appliances. Please consider donating gently used holiday decorations for the annual Holiday Shoppe. All proceeds are used to provide decent, affordable homes for low-income families in **Montgomery County**.



Donation Nation

is collecting donations on **Saturday, October 13** and **Sunday, October 14**.

Donation Nation is a newer organization that will accept items that need some work to make them useable. The organization will remove, recycle and redistribute unwanted household and other items, including damaged items that may not be accepted by other charitable organizations. All donors receive a tax-deductible receipt. You can fill out an online form at to select a pick-up time. Enter **SOMERSETGREEN** for a waiver of curbside pickup fees and to obtain a **50% discount** on removal services. Curbside donations should be clearly marked **"Donation Nation."** Contact **Charles Bailey** at **301-660-4377** with questions.

Building Materials — Community Forklift couldn't participate in the October



collection but accepts donations of building materials any time. You can schedule a free pickup at <http://communityforklift.com/donation.cfm>



B-CC Rescue Squad Open House Saturday, October 6

By Steven Friedman, Essex Avenue

The **Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad** will hold its free annual Open House, **"Rescue Day 2012,"** on **Saturday, October 6**, from **11:00 a.m.** to **4:00 p.m.** at the corner of **Old Georgetown Road** and **Battery Lane**. The event will be held rain or shine. Rescue Day will feature fire and rescue activities and displays for all ages, including tours of the station; live demonstrations of emergency medical, rescue, and firefighting equipment; free kids' firefighter hats; and a moon bounce. Also scheduled is a special visit by a helicopter used to transport critically injured patients to area hospitals when time is of the essence. Visitors will get an up-close view of the helicopter and have the opportunity to meet the flight medics. Visitors can also learn about volunteering with the Squad and receiving free training to become **EMTs, Firefighters, and Paramedics**.

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall – Monday, October 1, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall. Agenda updates are posted on the Town website: www.townofsomerset.com

Regular Meeting of the Town Council

Council Work Session – 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting Convenes – 7:30 p.m.



Council Members: Barbara Zeughauser, Cathy Pickar, Marnie Shaul, Franny Peale, Barbara Condos

1. **Comments:** Public Comment Period – 7:30 p.m.
2. **Presentation:** “If I Were Mayor” Contest Readers – 7:50 p.m.
3. **Discussion:** Officer Sheri Rule Introduction – 7:55 p.m.*
4. **Motion:** To approve the September 4, 2012, Regular Council Meeting Minutes – 8:00 p.m.
5. **Discussion:** Town Manager’s October Financial Report – 8:05 p.m.
6. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of an application submitted by Howard and Lisa Waltzman, 5403 Trent Street, for the installation of a 17kw emergency generator – 8:10 p.m.
7. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of an application submitted by Ted and Tracy Truman, 5803 Warwick Place, for the installation of an emergency HVAC Unit as recommended by the Town Inspector – 8:20 p.m.
8. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a building permit application submitted by Corrie Morsey, 5408 Surrey Street, to replace a shed that was destroyed in the Derecho storm – 8:25 p.m.
9. **Discussion:** Status update on two construction projects at 5529 Uppingham Street, 5510 Trent Street, and 5513 Uppingham Street. – 8:30 p.m.
10. **Discussion:** Introduction of a Storm Water Management Ordinance as recommended by the Town Environmental Committee – 8:40 p.m.*
11. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider removal of Town Tree number 464, Red Maple, at 5404 Greystone Street. WSSC is replacing sewer and water service here. All cost for removal and replanting will be incurred by WSSC – 8:50 p.m.
12. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a commemorative gift request in memory of Sheryl Gilbert, a 25 year Town resident who recently passed away. The PNRC Committee recommends a pawpaw tree and birdhouse to be installed near the Town Pool. – 8:55 p.m.
13. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider adoption of a Resolution proclaiming November to be Municipal Government Works Month – 9:00 p.m.
14. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider approval of a single or multi year contract for leaf removal from the upper pool parking lot for calendar year 2012 – 9:05 p.m.
15. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider adoption of a Resolution confirming the closure of Wisconsin Avenue and River Road entrances on Sunday, October 14, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., for the 8K road race sponsored by the Somerset Elementary School PTA – 9:10 p.m.
16. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider confirmation of Mayor Slavin’s nomination of 5 Tennis Committee appointments – 9:15 p.m.
17. **Discussion:** Mayor’s Report – 9:20 p.m.
18. Adjourn – 9:25 p.m.

Key

Public Hearing Item: Agenda item where public comment is permitted.

Discussion Item: Agenda item limited to discussion among the Council, Mayor and Town Staff.

Motion Item: Agenda item requesting action, limited to Council discussion.

Comments: Opinions and Questions from Town residents.

Please note the Public Comment Period at 7:30 p.m. may run less than 20 minutes. Residents who wish to be present for a particular Agenda item are advised to arrive 20 minutes ahead of the item’s scheduled discussion time since discussions sometimes run ahead of schedule.

Items marked * have related articles inside this issue of the Town Journal.

This is a preliminary Agenda prepared to meet the Journal press deadline, which typically is two weeks prior to the next Town Council meeting. During this period, there will likely be changes to the timing of items, and some items may be added or deleted. Please contact Rich Charnovich at Town Hall if you are interested in what has been added, or consult the bulletin board on the Town Hall porch or the Town website for the most up-to-date Agenda.